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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #13

October 25, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM on October 25, 2013 in the Dorothy Vocino Conference Room in the URI Library, Chairperson Byrd presiding. Senators Brady, Cerbo, Davis, Nassersharif, and Rice were present.

2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #12, Oct. 18, 2013 were approved as amended.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

a. Chairperson Byrd reminded the committee that they would be meeting with the President on October 31, 2013. Agenda items were discussed under New Business.

b. Chairperson Byrd reminded the committee that a second forum on arming the campus police would be taking place on Monday, October 28, 2013. The committee noted that an additional representative from law enforcement, a member of the RI State Police, was scheduled to be included on the panel. Chairperson Byrd emailed Ms. Bennett and Provost DeHayes to express concern that, as a co-sponsor, the FSEC had not been consulted about adding a panel member and asked that the late addition be removed.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. The committee discussed, as previously requested, the draft document, Institutional Strategy for Online Teaching and Learning, developed by Provost DeHayes, Vice Provost Beauvais, and Director Goldsmith (Senators Rice and Cerbo had responded in writing earlier). Senators Nassersharif and Cerbo noted that the document included no reference to whether faculty were expected to teach online courses in load or as overload nor to any impact on faculty salary. The document contained no discussion of the fact that developing and managing quality online courses can be very time-intensive and that enrollments can range from 25 to hundreds.

b. Senator Nassersharif, the Administrator Evaluation Coordinator, presented an update of the Administrator Evaluation work. He has forwarded to Ms. Neff a draft of the letter to be sent to faculty soliciting committee nominations. Ms. Neff is working on email lists of the various faculty constituencies. Senator Nassersharif is developing survey questions for the Provost's survey that will reflect the responsibilities of the Vice Provosts.

The committee discussed the need for a public report to be produced by each evaluation committee. The committee discussed the timing of the new manual language based on the pilot process. They gave consideration to preparing new language before the end of the 2013-14 academic year so that a new process will be in place for Fall 2014.

Chairperson Byrd suggested that Senators receive a special request to nominate committee members from their college.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator Rice reported that Resolution #12-13--4, the MOA between URI and town of South Kingstown, was in the office of the General Counsel.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Agenda items were discussed for the upcoming meeting with the President:

1. Faculty Evaluation of Administrators
2. Arming URI Police: the decision
3. Proposed governance structure for Higher Education
4. Seating for Faculty Senate Executive Committee members at Board of Education meetings

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff